

# Correctional Volunteers Help Prepare 6,000 Meals

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Commissioner J. David Donahue and DOC Volunteers at Second Helpings.

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (March 9, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue and twenty-four staff from the Indiana Department of Correction volunteered their time and services on March 7-9 at Second Helpings, Inc.

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against hunger," commented Commissioner Donahue. "Staff have volunteered on a regular basis for various community service projects in recent months and enjoyed the interesting roles."

DOC volunteers served as Kitchen Assistants, providing support in preparing approximately 6,000 meals and helped with the clean up following food preparation.

Second Helpings rescues prepared and perishable food, re-prepares it into nutritious meals, and distributes those meals to over 50 social services organizations that feed Indiana's hungry daily.

"Community Service is encouraged from both Department staff and offenders," said Commissioner J. David Donahue, "The agency as a whole is dedicated to public safety and giving back to the communities that we live and work."

In January 2007, the Department partnered with Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Department of Natural Resources and Second Helpings to deliver thousands of nutritious meals to feed the hungry in Indiana. Feeding Indiana's Hungry (FIH) is a statewide network of food banks that links hunger service providers, food producers, and processors from all four corners of the state.

"As an organization that assists individuals currently and formerly incarcerated with culinary employment training and placement, Second Helpings applauds the staff of the Indiana Department of Correction for volunteering their time to prepare meals for the hungry. This partnership has been a win for not only Second Helpings and the Indiana Department of Correction, but the entire community," said Gina Brooks, Executive Director Second Helpings, Inc.

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